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The premier and vice premiers of the People's Republic attended the opening ceremony which was conducted by Vice Premier Pak Hon-yong. Vice Premier Kim Ch'aek reported on the accomplishments of 1949 and announced the projects for 1950, the final year for the current Two-Year People's Economic Program. He emphasized that an over-all economic supremacy [over South Korea] has already been attained by the People's Republic as a result of the economic program.

On the other hand, Kim Ch'aek sharply criticized the shortcomings that are still found among the certain superintendents of manufacturing plants, mines, and among the directors of administrative offices. He offered them practical advice and minute instructions in carrying out the Two-Year People's Economic Program successfully.

Next, Chong Ka-won, vice chairman of the North Korean Trade Federation, made a progress report of the work achieved in 1949 for the Two-Year People's Economic Program by the trade unions affiliated with that federation.

The remainder of convention time was devoted to discussion forums, participated in by plant superintendents, model workers, and the chairman of the North Korean Trade Federation. Each person presented the peculiar problems confronted by his workshop. After thorough discussions, the forum gave constructive suggestions on each problem.

The convention closed on 21 November with a speech by Premier Kim Il-song.

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